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1 **COMMISSIONERS** 2 JEFF HATCH-MILLER, Chairman 3 WILLIAM A. MUNDELL MIKE GLEASON 4 KRISTIN K. MAYES BARRY WONG 5 6 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF GILA BEND POWER PARTNERS, L.L.C., OR 7 THEIR ASSIGNEE(S), IN CONFORMANCE WITH REOUIREMENTS OF ARIZONA **REVISED STATUTES SECTIONS 40-360-01** ET SEO., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY 10 AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NATURAL GAS-FIRED, COMBINED 11 CYCLE GENERATING PLAN, SWITCHYARD, AND RELATED FACILITIES 12 IN THE TOWN OF GILA BEND, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, LOCATED IN THE 13 SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 19, 14 TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH RANGE 5 WEST, GILA AND SALT RIVER BASE AND MERIDIAN. 15 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF GILA BEND POWER PARTNERS AND ITS 16 ASSIGNS IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF ARIZONA REVISED 17 STATUTES 40-360.03 AND 40-360.06 FOR A 18 CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL **COMPATIBILITY AUTHORIZING** 19 CONSTRUCTION OF ONE 500Kv TRANSMISSION LINE AND THE 20 WATERMELON SWITCHYARD IN MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA 21 ORIGINATING AT THE PROPOSED GILA 22 BEND POWER PARTNERS POWER PROJECT LOCATED NORTHWEST OF 23 THE CENTER OF THE TOWN OF GILA BEND, ARIZONA SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 5 WEST, G&SRB&M AND

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On April 12, 2001, the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") issued Decision No. 63552 in Docket No. L-00000V-00-0106 ("Case No. 106"), which granted Gila Bend Power Partners, L.L.C. ("GBPP") a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility ("CEC") authorizing construction of a natural gas-fired, combined cycle generating plant, switchyard and related facilities. In Decision No. 63762 in Docket No. L-00000V-01-0109, the Commission granted GBPP a CEC to construct a 500 kV transmission line, a 500 kV switchyard, and a 500 kV interconnection.

On March 7, 2006, GBPP filed an Application for Extension of Certificate of Environmental Compatibility, Request for Expedited Treatment and, to the Extent Necessary, an Interim Extension in Case No. 106. On the same date, GBPP also filed an Application for Extension of Certificate of Environmental Compatibility in Case No. 109.

The Commission subsequently issued an order consolidating both cases and granting GBPP's request for an interim extension of time. The Commission ordered GBPP to file detailed information supporting its requests for extensions of the expiration of authority granted in Decision No. 63552 and Decision No. 63762 by May 5, 2006. GBPP filed this information as directed. The Commission also required the Staff to file a Report on GBPP's requests no later than August 15, 2006, including a recommendation on the appropriate procedure to reach a Commission Decision.

Unfortunately, the Staff member assigned with reviewing GBPP's request and supporting information and drafting the Staff Report ordered by the Commission has taken medical leave for at least 2 – 3 weeks. Accordingly, Staff respectfully requests an extension of time to file its Staff Report until Friday, September 29, 2006. GBPP should not be prejudiced by this request since the Commission has granted GBPP an interim extension of time until December 31, 2006.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 14th day of August, 2006.

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